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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I chose a competitive provider because I am on a limited income and I need a provider that offers lower costs than the big broadband companies.

Please do not allow price increases that will increase the cost of internet and phone service to people like me.

I am a freelance writer and editor who works from home, and I need affordable broadband in order to maintain my business.

I strongly oppose the USTelecom petition and urge you not to approve it. Approving the USTelecom petition would be a huge step backwards for competition and for consumers like me.

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